

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 8, 10 and 11 will be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, whereby claims 2-7, 9 and 12-21 will remain pending.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Discussion Of Telephone Interview

Applicants express appreciation for the courtesies extended by Examiner Shameem to Applicants' representative Arnold Turk during a March 29, 2007 telephone interview wherein the outstanding Ex Parte Quayle Office Action was discussed. The Examiner indicated that he would permit rejoinder of claims 6, 7, 9 and 14-21, but would not rejoin claims 10 and 11, and would need to review the application regarding the terminology "prevention" prior to making a decision of whether to rejoin claim 8.

Response To Indication Of Allowable Subject Matter And Requirement For Cancellation Of Claims In View Of Restriction Requirement

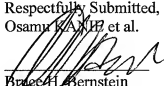
Applicants express appreciation for the indication of allowability of claims 2-5, 12 and 13. Moreover, Applicants note that, as agreed to by the Examiner during the above-noted telephone interview, claims 6, 7, 9 and 14-21 are rejoindable. Therefore, with the cancellation of claims 8, 10 and 11, Applicants request that the pending non-elected claims be rejoined and allowed with the previously allowed claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the application is requested, with an early mailing of the Notices of Allowance and Allowability.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to further discuss this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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